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REMARKS

Claim 30 has been amended to include the recitation "wherein $z = 1$ or 2 ." This amendment is supported in the specification and is included in the structure recited in Claim 21, from which Claim 30 depends. Accordingly, the amendment does not raise new issues.

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance and an early notification of the allowability of these claims is earnestly solicited. If any matters remain to be resolved, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at 704-444-1185 to expedite prosecution of this application.

Since an Amendment After Final and Extension of Time were timely filed on February 2, 2006 and this is a Supplemental Amendment, it is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

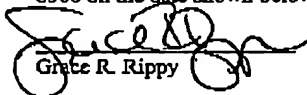


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